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THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, October 26, 1883.

Pursuant to appointment of last year the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. J. Combs, from Acts 4:23

After a short intermission the delegates re-assembled in the church and were called to order by singing and prayer by Elder J. J. Caudil.

1. Called for letters from the different churches, when eight were handed in and read.
2. By request, Elders I. W. Landreth and A. McKnight were called upon to act as tellers, who reported Elder W. J. Combs, Moderator; and J. S. Holbrook, Clerk.
3. On motion, invited correspondents, when Elder A. McKnight, I. W. Landreth and T. J. Jones came forward with a letter and minutes from the Mountain Union Association: the letter was read and received, with the brethren, by the Moderator, giving them the right hand of fellowship.
4. On motion, invited tran ients, when Elders W. J. Chapel, E. Blevins and Bros T. Jones and D. Deboard, from the Mountain Union Association, accepted seats with us.
5. On motion, opened the door for newly constituted churches.
6. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during this session.
7. Appointed a Committee of Finance, viz: Bros T. C. Myers, H. Jennings and S. Blevins.
8. Appointed a Committee on the Ministry, consisting of the following brethren, viz: J. N. Myers, S. Caudill, M. V. B. Norman, with the delegates of this church, to arrange preaching during the session, who report for to-morrow: 1st, Elder A. McKnight; 2d, Elder W. J. Chapel; 3d, E. Blevins.
9. Appointed Bro. J. P. Walters to write a corresponding letter to the Stony Fork Association, and W. B. Gambill to the Mountain Union Association.
10. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elder J. J. Caudil, W. W. Myers, L. R. Pardew H. Jennings, Eli Sebastian—with the corresponding brethren. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk are to sit with them.
11. On motion, adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning. Singing and prayer by Elder T. J. Jones. Benediction by Elder I. W. Landreth.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 27, 1883

1. Met according to adjournment. Singing and prayer by the Moderator
2. Called the Roll of Delegates.
3. Committee of Arrangements reported. Report read and received; on motion, the committee was discharged.
4. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
5. On motion, extended an invitation to transients, when Elders W. F. Byrd and A. E. Myers, from the Elkin Association, and Elder S. F. Brown, of our own Association, accepted seats with us to aid in council.
6. Committee on the Ministry report for to-morrow: 1st, Elder A. E. Myers; 2d, Elder T. J. Jones; 3d, Elder I. W. Landreth
7. Committee of Finance report, viz: Received from the different churches, \$13 63; in the hands of the Treasurer, \$2.75—total, \$16.38. Report received and the committee discharged.
8. Called upon the brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to report. Letters read, received, and the brethren discharged.
9. Called on the brethren who were appointed to visit sister Associations to report. Elder W. J. Combs and brethren S. Lyon and T. C. Myers reported that they visited Mountain Union Association and were kindly received by that body. The brethren who were appointed to visit Stony Fork Association failed to attend, but were excused.
10. Appointed the following brethren to visit Sister Associations, viz: Elders J. J. Caudill, W. J. Combs, and brethren W. B. Gambill and T. C. Myers to the Mountain Union; and Elders J. N. Brooks, C. Blevins and Bro. L. B. Myers to the Stony Fork Association.
11. Appointed our next Association to convene with Liberty Grove Church, eight miles North of Wilkesboro, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in October 1884, Elder C. Blevins to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. J. Caudill his alternate.
12. On motion, the Moderator appointed Bro. Wm. B. Gambill to write a circular letter on the subject of Covetousness and present it at our next Association.
13. On motion, the Association agrees to publish a short Obituary of our beloved brethren, deceased, viz: Ralph Holbrook, William Walker, Moses Adams and Ma'een Johnson.
14. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and that he have 300 copies of these minutes printed, and that he be allowed \$3 00 out of the present fund for this year's service, and also the overplus of \$2 75 for extra past services.
15. On motion, we set apart Easter Sunday next as a day of fasting and prayer, and ask all Christians to remember the same.

16. On motion, we advise all churches in our Union to hold protracted meetings, during the ensuing year, at each church.

17. On motion, we return our heart-felt thanks to our brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality to us during our session.

17 On motion, we now adjourn to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Jones; benediction by Eld. I. W. Landreth.

ELDER W. J. COMBS,

J. S. HOLBROOK, Clerk.

Moderator.

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SABBATH — Services opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Ezekiel Blevins 1st sermon by Eld. A. E. Myers, text, Acts 10:34, 35; 2d sermon by Elder Thos. J. Jones, text, I. Corinthians 3:8; 3d sermon by Elder I. W. Landreth, text, Genesis 34:49 A large congregation in attendance, and remarkably good behaviour. Several penitents came forward to be prayed for, and we hope much good has been done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus.

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OBITUARIES.

WILLIAM WALKER was born in Wilkes Co., N. C., June 18th 1807, and died 1879. He was a member of the Baptist Church at New Covenant at the time of his death, and was a professor of the Christian religion for about fifty years; served his Church as a faithful deacon, and died in the triumphs of Faith.

MOSES ADAMS was born in 1801, and died Sept. 25, 1880, aged 77 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church at New Covenant about 35 years, and served as clerk most of the time. He suffered much before he died, but bore it with the patience of Job.

MALLEN JOHNSON was about 60 years old, and died in April 1883. He was a member of New Covenant Church, Wilkes Co., N. C. He belonged to the Church about 30 years; was licensed to exercise a public gift, and prayed and talked in public. Appeared willing to die and leave this world of sin and sorrow.

RALPH HOLBROOK was born in Wilkes Co., N. C., and joined the Baptist Church at Roaring River the 4th Saturday of June 1829. He was one of the leading members of said Church, and officiated as a deacon for about 54 years. He was held in high esteem among the brethren—regarded as a father. His last moments were of the most submissive kind. He was perfectly willing to die—expressing a strong belief in the resurrection of the dead. Peace to his remains! Amen!

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

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Cherry N. C. J. N. Brooks.	Elder J. N. Brooks, W. W. Myers, L. B. Myers, E. Hardy, W. T. Owens	2	2	1	1	3	7	2	2	45	1	15
Mulberry " J. J. Caudill	Henry Jennings, S. Caudill, J. K. Jennings	3	3	5	1	7	3	3	3	28	1	24
Dockery " J. J. Caudill	Elder J. J. Caudill, J. H. Walker, J. N. Myers, J. P. Waars, A. Felts	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	137	2	23
Trap Hill " W. J. Combs	J. A. Pruitt, L. W. Holbrook, D. L. McBride, W. R. DeFord	4	3	2	3	4	4	1	1	49	1	15
White Oak " W. J. Combs	Eld. W. J. Combs, M. R. Norman, L. R. Pardew, Eld. C. Blevins, S. J. Gambill, T. O. Myers, S. Blevins, W. F. Gambill	4	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	166	2	50
White Oak " C. Blevins	Eld. C. Blevins, W. F. Gambill	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	75	2	10
Springfield " C. Blevins	S. Blevins, W. F. Gambill	1	5	1	1	2	2	2	2	131	1	76
Zion " J. J. Caudill	W. M. Harold, J. Elliott, E. Sebastian, J. Hawkins, A. H. Brown	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	50

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